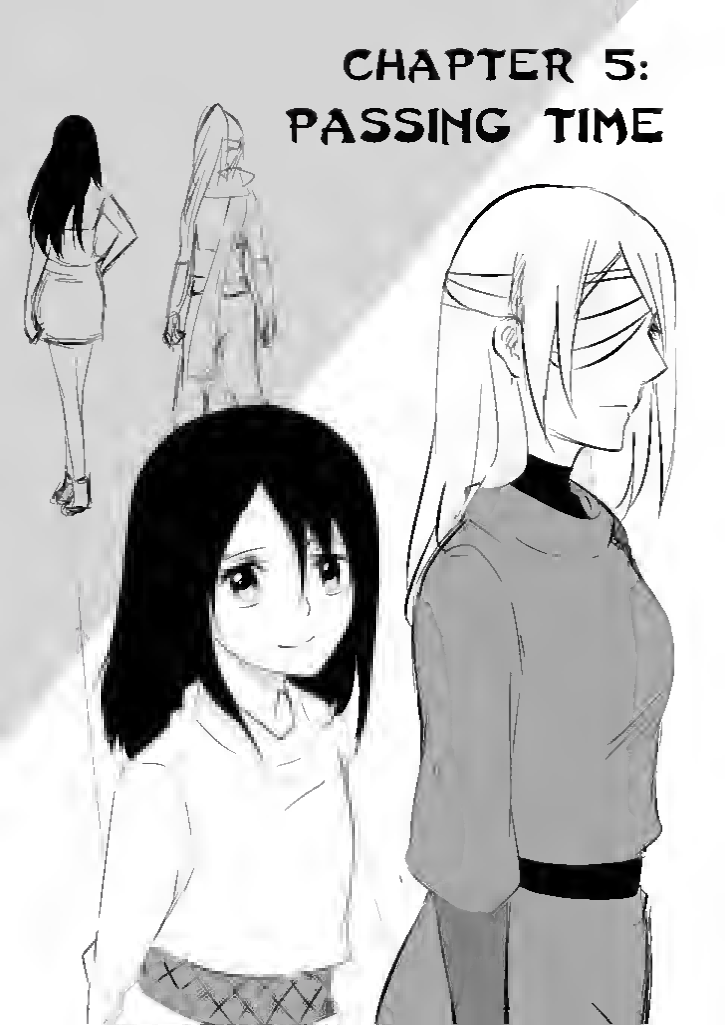
CHAPTER 5:
PASSING TIME



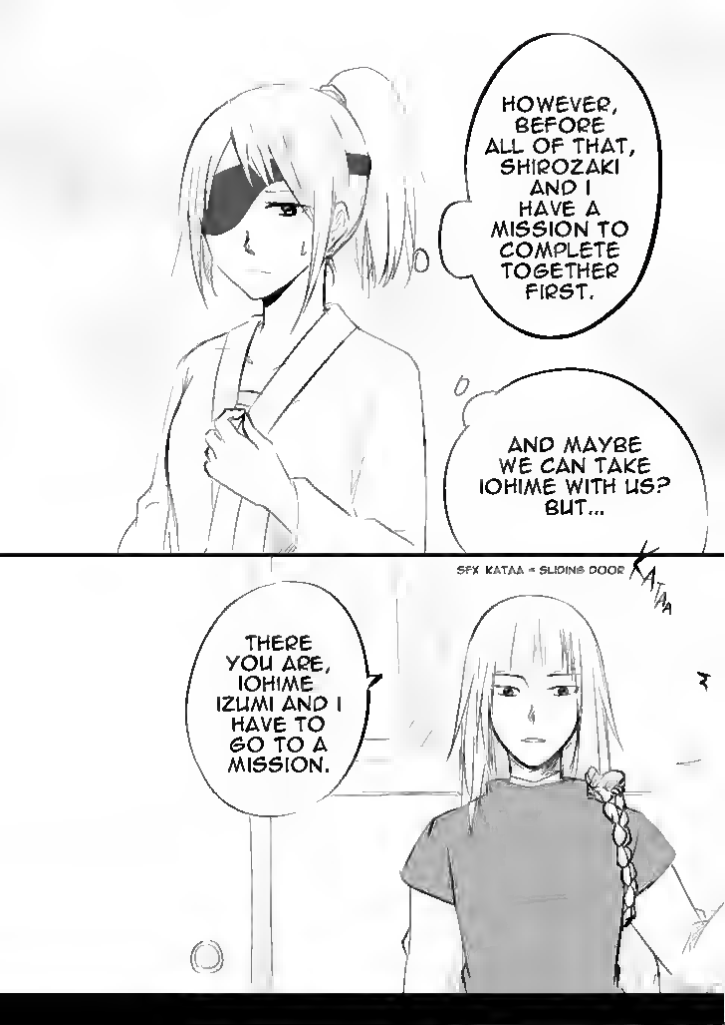
AUGUST 5TH

TIME PASSED BY SO FAST. IT HAS ALREADY BEEN MORE THAN THREE MONTHS SINCE IOHIME CAME OVER.

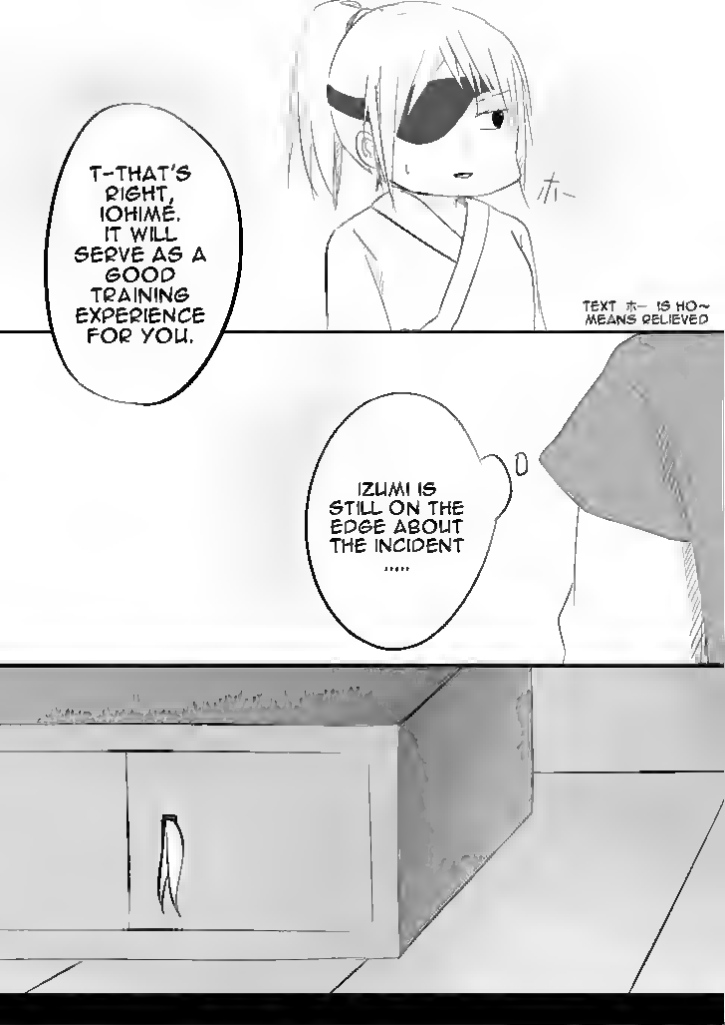
AND HER BIRTHDAY IS COMING SOON AS WELL.

I HAVE MISSED HER THREE CONSECUTIVE BIRTHDAYS DUE TO MY INDEPENDENT TRAINING WHEN I REACHED 13 YEARS OF AGE AND I ONLY COMPLETED IT A FEW MONTHS AGO...

THAT'S WHY I REALLY WANT TO GIVE SOMETHING SPECIAL TO HER ON HER 14TH BIRTHDAY.


HOWEVER, BEFORE ALL OF THAT, SHIROZAKI AND I HAVE A MISSION TO COMPLETE TOGETHER FIRST.
AND MAYBE WE CAN TAKE IOHIME WITH US? BUT...
SFX KATAA = SLIDING DOOR
KATAA
THERE YOU ARE, IOHIME IZUMI AND I HAVE TO GO TO A MISSION.

COME WITH US.
EH? I CAN GO WITH YOU TWO?!
Actually wanted to come along


T-THAT'S RIGHT, IOHIME. IT WILL SERVE AS A GOOD TRAINING EXPERIENCE FOR YOU.
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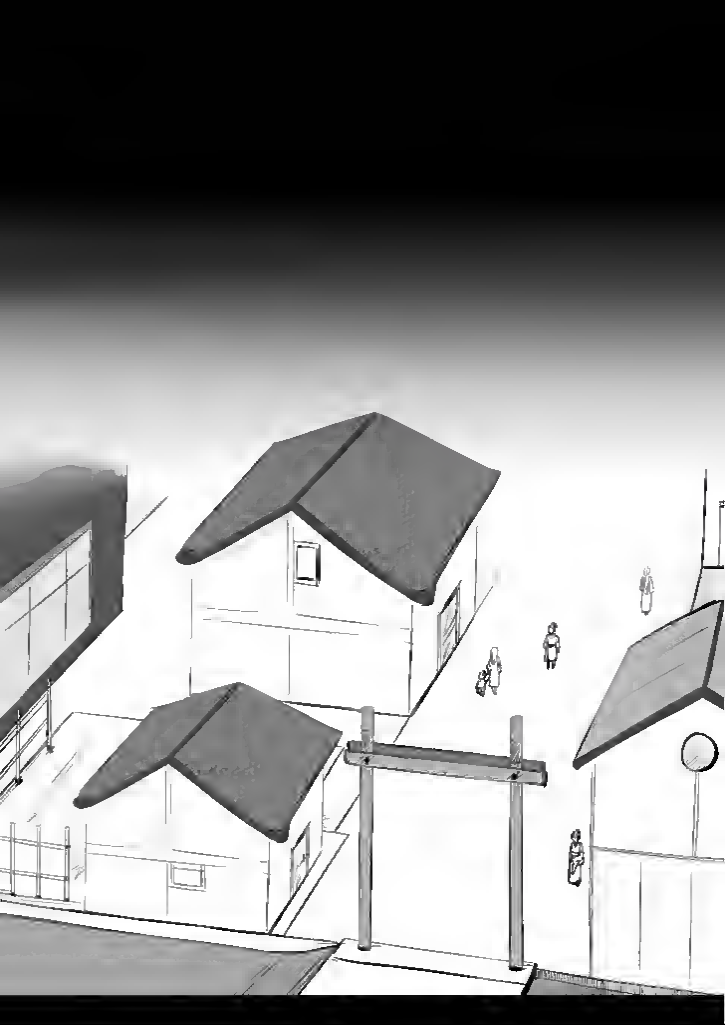
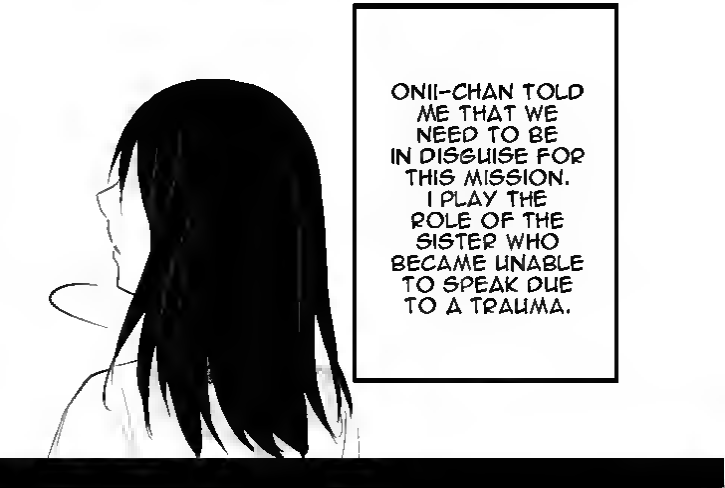
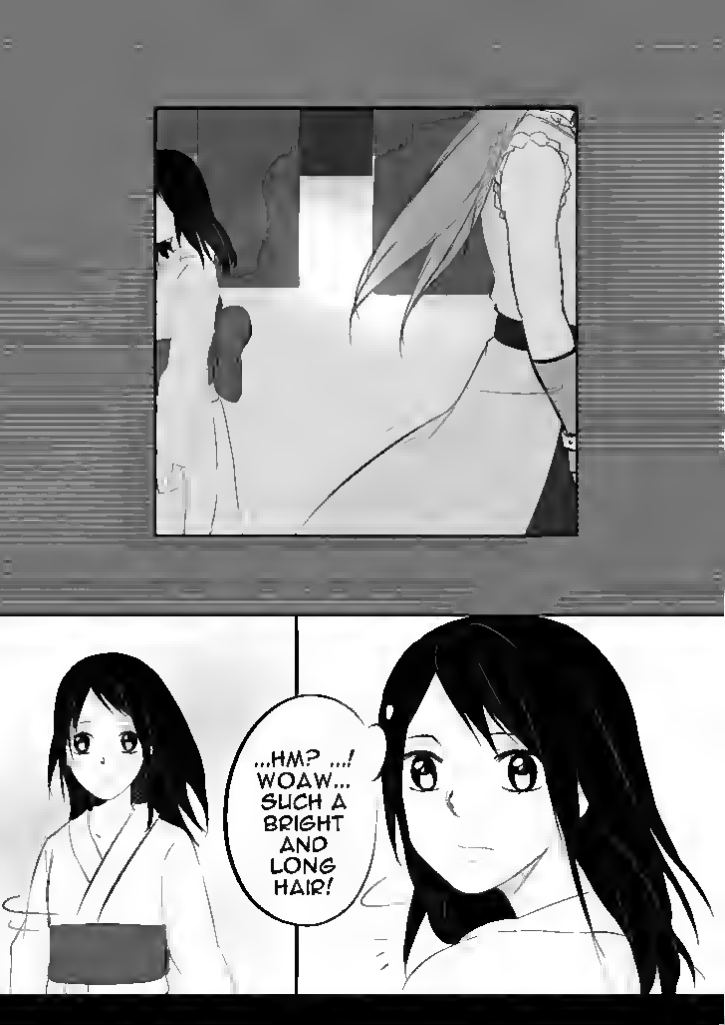
TEXT ホー IS HO~ MEANS RELIEVED
IZUMI IS STILL ON THE EDGE ABOUT THE INCIDENT .....



TODAY, I'M JOINING ONEE-CHAN AND ONII-CHAN IN A MISSION.
I'M NERVOUS AND EXCITED AT THE SAME TIME!

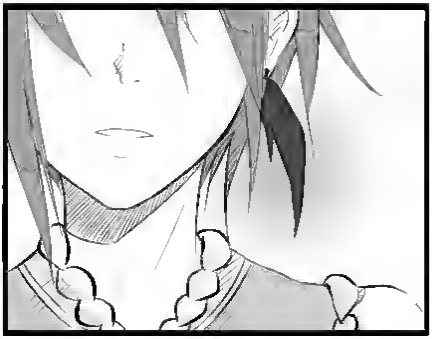

ONII-CHAN TOLD ME THAT WE NEED TO BE IN DISGUISE FOR THIS MISSION. I PLAY THE ROLE OF THE SISTER WHO BECAME UNABLE TO SPEAK DUE TO A TRAUMA.

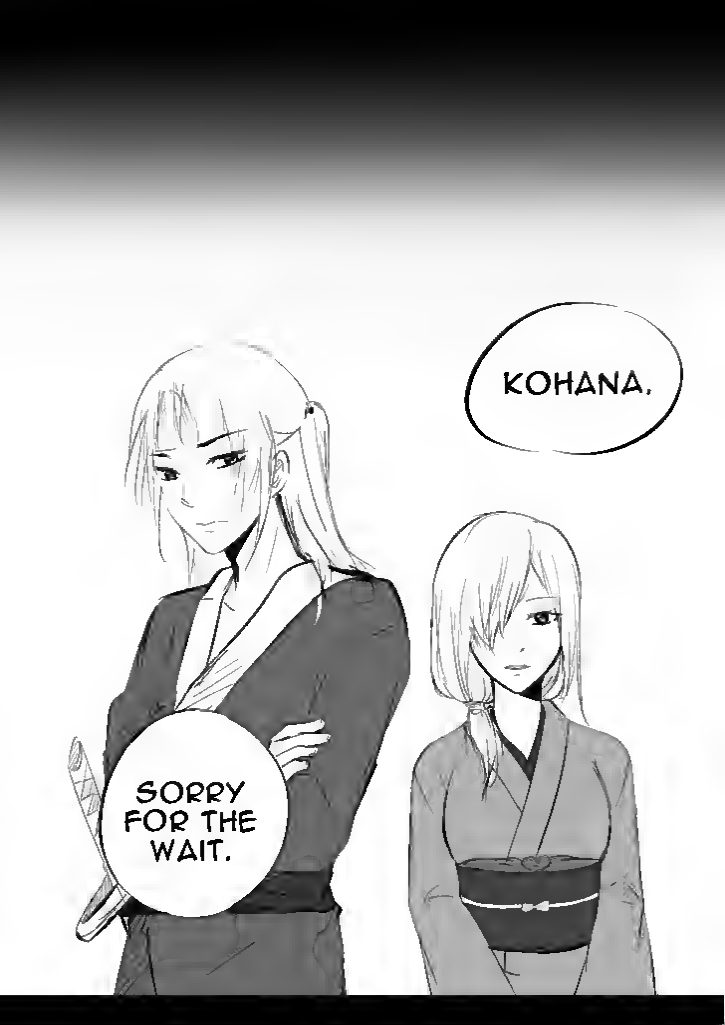
OUR MISSION IS TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE STRATEGY AND BASE LOCATION OF THE ENEMIES: THE KUROGUMO TWINS.
ONEE-CHAN = BIG SISTER
ONII-CHAN = BIG BROTHER
I JUST NEED TO WAIT FOR THEM TO CHANGE INTO THEIR DISGUISED FORMS
ONII-CHAN SAID I'M SAFE IN THIS AREA BECAUSE IT'S A PRIVATE TERRITORY.
...SINCE THEY PURPOSELY CAME HERE LOOKING DIFFERENT.
AND I PURPOSELY CAME FROM ANOTHER DIRECTION TO PLAY THE SCENARIO WE TALKED ABOUT.


...HM? ...! WOAW... SUCH A BRIGHT AND LONG HAIR!

IF SOMEDAY, I CAN SERVE A BEAUTIFUL PERSON LIKE THAT EVEN JUST ONCE...

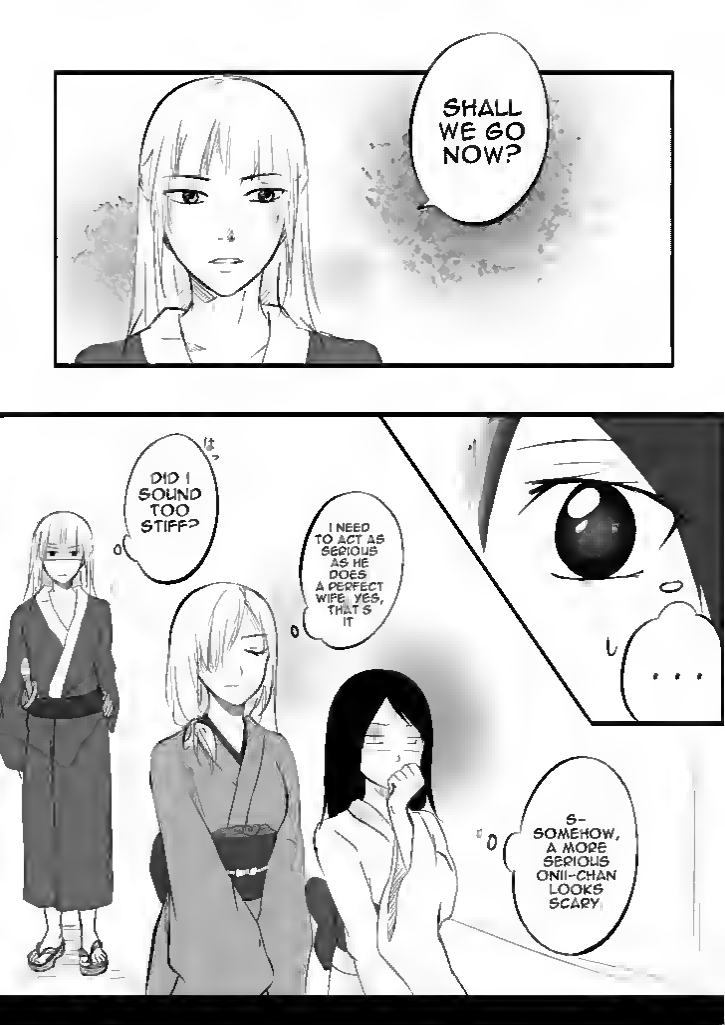
THAT'D BE PRETTY NICE!




KOHANA.
SORRY FOR THE WAIT.

KOHANA... THAT'S RIGHT, I ALMOST FORGOT.

OF COURSE WE HAD FAKE NAMES TOO AS DISGUISE!


SHALL WE GO NOW?
DID I SOUND TOO STIFF?
I NEED TO ACT AS SERIOUS AS HE DOES A PERFECT WIFE. YES, THAT'S IT
S-SOMEHOW, A MORE SERIOUS ONII-CHAN LOOKS SCARY.

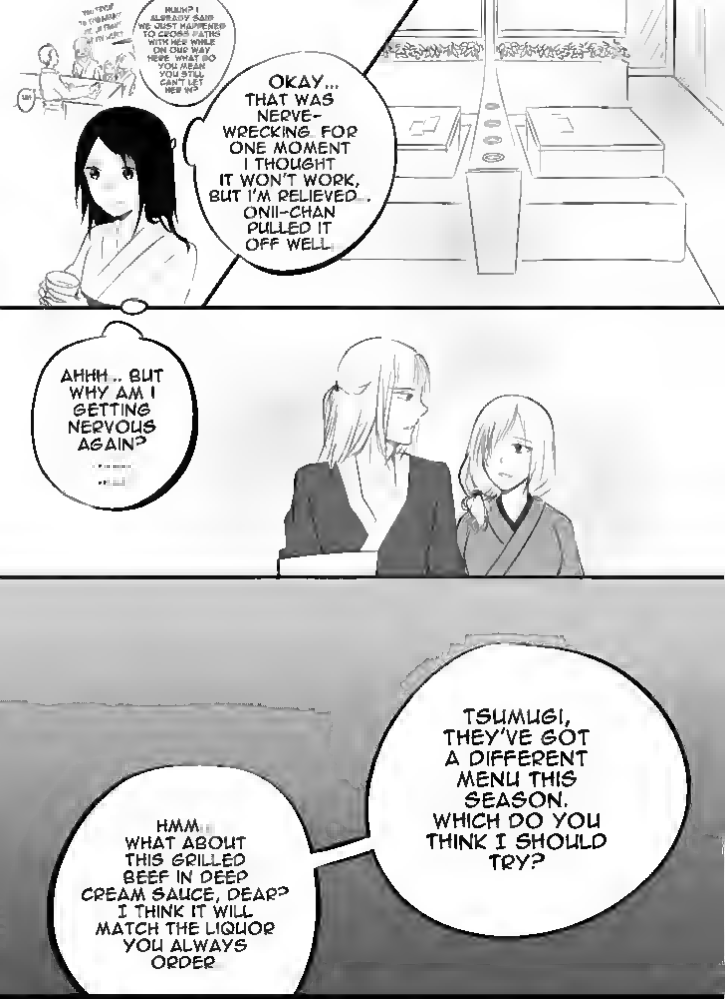
WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WALK LONG TO REACH OUR DESTINATION.

IT'S A PRIVATE TAVERN CALLED "SAKEMATSU-YA" WHERE ONLY RESERVED NAMES BEFOREHAND CAN ENTER.

AND OF COURSE ONII-CHAN AND ONEE-CHAN HAVE THEIRS ALREADY RESERVED BY THEIR EMPLOYER...

WHICH LEAVES ME...

Note Onii-chan = Elder brother ; Onee-chan = Elder sister


HUMP! I ALREADY SAID WE JUST HAPPENED TO CROSS PATHS WITH HER WHILE ON ONE WAY HERE. WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU STILL CAN'T LET HER GO?
OKAY... THAT WAS NERVE-WRECKING. FOR ONE MOMENT I THOUGHT IT WON'T WORK, BUT I'M RELIEVED. ONII-CHAN PULLED IT OFF WELL.
AHHH.. BUT WHY AM I GETTING NERVOUS AGAIN?
TSUMUGI, THEY'VE GOT A DIFFERENT MENU THIS SEASON. WHICH DO YOU THINK I SHOULD TRY?
HMM... WHAT ABOUT THIS GRILLED BEEF IN DEEP CREAM SAUCE, DEAR? I THINK IT WILL MATCH THE LIQUOR YOU ALWAYS ORDER

SFX DOKI = HEART THUMP

T-THEY HAVE SPIDER MARKS... EVEN ON THE FACE! I GUESS EVERYONE IN KUROGUMO CLAN HAS THOSE...?

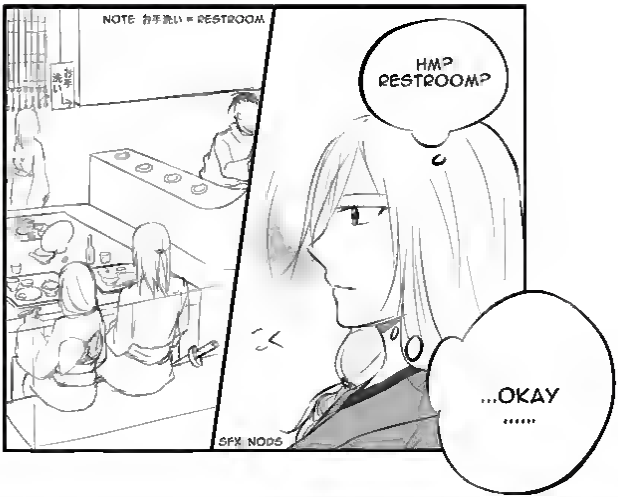
Note: Kurogumo = Black spider

THE KUROGUMO MEMBERS DON'T CARE WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER CUSTOMERS INSIDE THE TAVERN.

THEY TALK REALLY LOUD.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HALF OF WHAT THEY SAY THOUGH... BUT I'M SURE THOSE THINGS ARE THE ONES RELATED TO THE CURRENT MISSION.

ONII-CHAN AND ONEE-CHAN LOOK LIKE THEY'RE ENJOYING THEIR MEAL, BUT I'M SURE THEY'RE NOW LISTENING CAREFULLY, TO EVERY IMPORTANT DETAIL.


NOTE 御手洗い = RESTROOM
HM? RESTROOM?
...OKAY
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SFX: NODS

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PUMP
GYAH!H!
DUMB-
ASSH!
YEE DRUNK FREAKS

ALRIGHT! I'M DOING FINE BE CALM, BE NATURAL

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STARES~
HOH?
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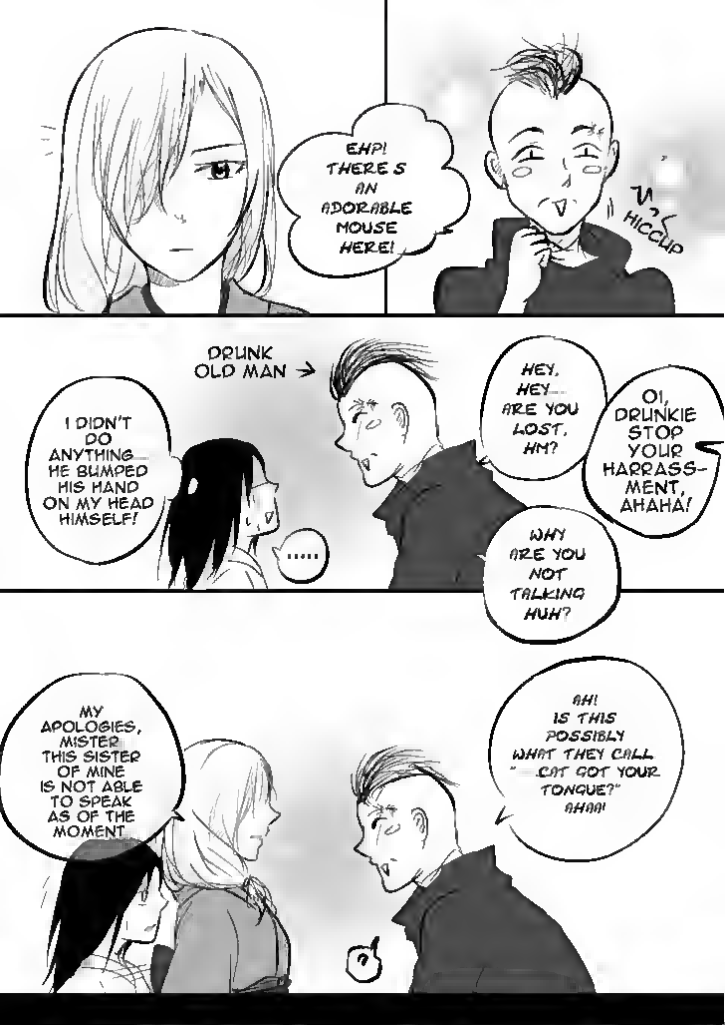
ギクッ
SFX GIKU = STARTLED


EHP! THERE S AN ADORABLE MOUSE HERE!
HICCUP
DRUNK OLD MAN
HEY, HEY— ARE YOU LOST, HM?
OI, DRUNKIE STOP YOUR HARRASS-MENT, AHAHA!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING— HE BUMPED HIS HAND ON MY HEAD HIMSELF!
.....
WHY ARE YOU NOT TALKING HUH?
AH! IS THIS POSSIBLY WHAT THEY CALL "...CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?" AHAA!
MY APOLOGIES, MISTER THIS SISTER OF MINE IS NOT ABLE TO SPEAK AS OF THE MOMENT
?

AN OLDER GIRL! HEY BIG SIS YOU'RE QUITE THE PRETTY FACE!
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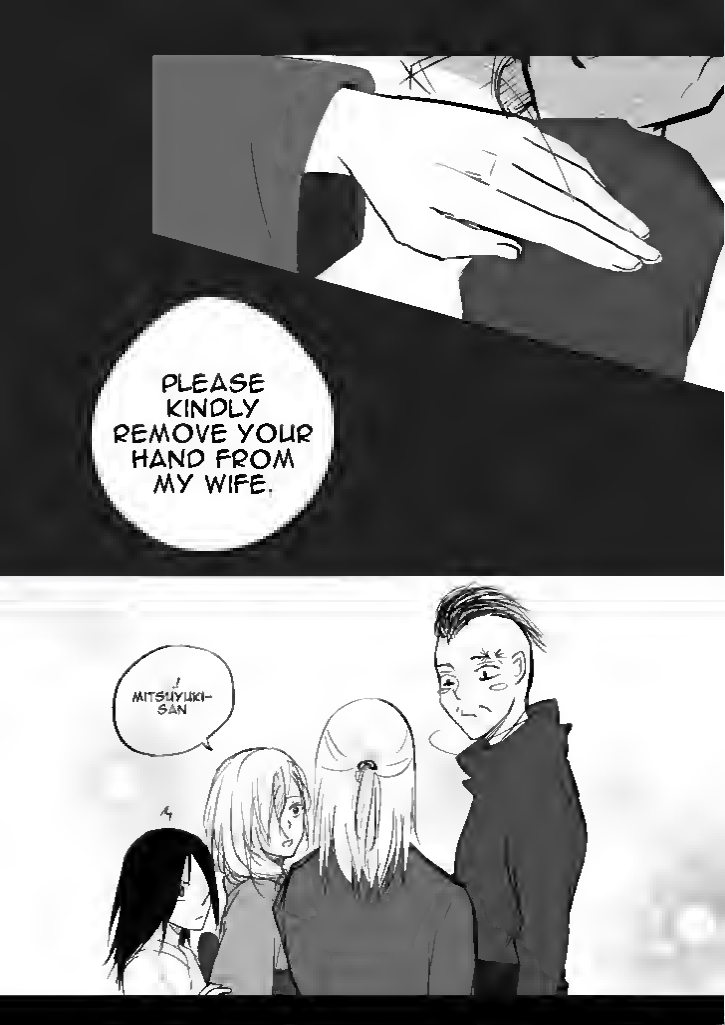
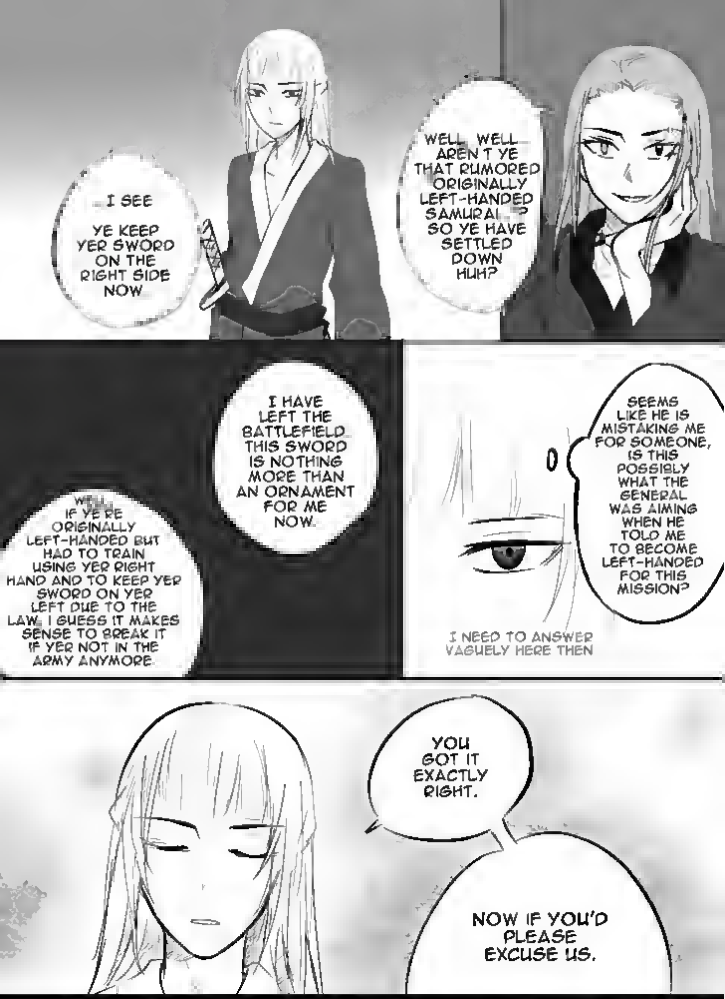
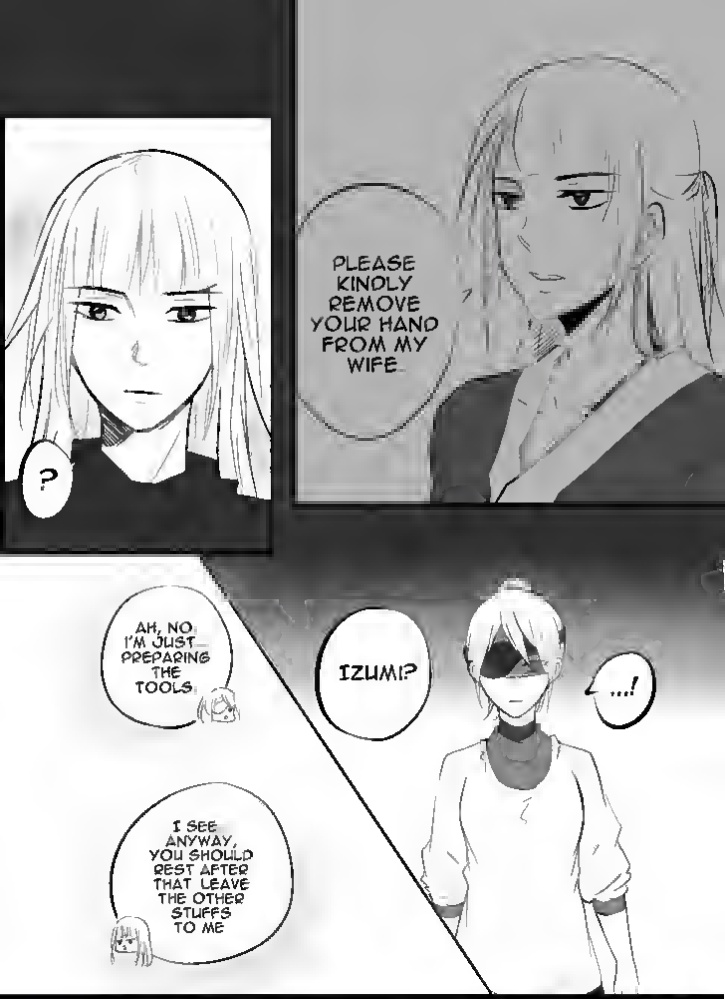
CAN'T SPEAK?
OHH!
HICCUP

THANK YOU FOR THE COMPLIMENT, MISTER
BUT I'M AFRAID WE NOW HAVE TO EXCUSE OURSE—


PLEASE KINDLY REMOVE YOUR HAND FROM MY WIFE.
MITSUYUKI-SAN


I SEE
YE KEEP YER SWORD ON THE RIGHT SIDE NOW
WELL, WELL AREN'T YE THAT RUMORED ORIGINALLY LEFT-HANDED SAMURAI? SO YE HAVE SETTLED DOWN HUH?
I HAVE LEFT THE BATTLEFIELD THIS SWORD IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN ORNAMENT FOR ME NOW.
WELL IF YE RE ORIGINALLY LEFT-HANDED BUT HAD TO TRAIN USING YER RIGHT HAND AND TO KEEP YER SWORD ON YER LEFT DUE TO THE LAW, I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE TO BREAK IT IF YER NOT IN THE ARMY ANYMORE
SEEMS LIKE HE IS MISTAKING ME FOR SOMEONE, IS THIS POSSIBLY WHAT THE GENERAL WAS AIMING WHEN HE TOLD ME TO BECOME LEFT-HANDED FOR THIS MISSION?
I NEED TO ANSWER VAGUELY HERE THEN
YOU GOT IT EXACTLY RIGHT.
NOW IF YOU'D PLEASE EXCUSE US.

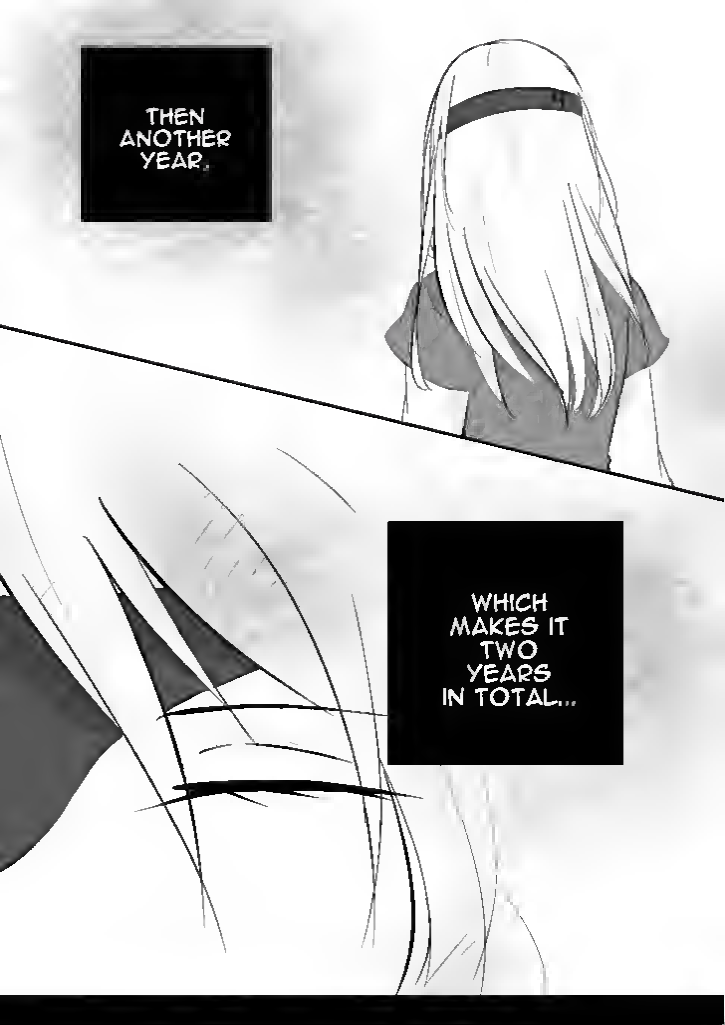
THUD
IZUMI? YOU'RE GOING TO COOK ALREADY?
YOU DID A GREAT JOB FOR YOUR FIRST SUPPORTING MISSION I WAS WORRIED THAT YOU'D CRY
EHH! MUUU I WOULDN'T HAVE CRIED!
FINALLY WE'RE HOME...!
THEY CHANGED BEFORE COMING HOME


PLEASE KINDLY REMOVE YOUR HAND FROM MY WIFE.
?
IZUMI?
...!
AH, NO. I'M JUST— PREPARING THE TOOLS.
I SEE. ANYWAY, YOU SHOULD REST AFTER THAT. LEAVE THE OTHER STUFFS TO ME

AND JUST LIKE THAT...

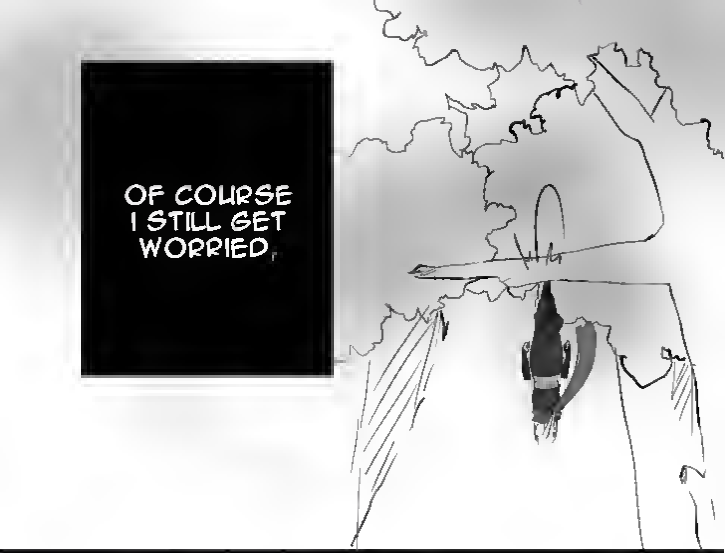
ANOTHER SET OF TIME HAS GONE BY.

ONE YEAR,


THEN ANOTHER YEAR.
WHICH MAKES IT TWO YEARS IN TOTAL...

SFX: ZAA
...AND DURING THOSE TWO YEARS
THAT HAS PASSED...
IOHIME HAD TRAINED THROUGH SEVERAL MISSIONS WITH EITHER ME OR ANIKI FOR THE FEW DIFFICULT ONES,
UNTIL SHE BECAME ABLE TO GO COMPLETELY ALONE WHICH WAS ABOUT A YEAR AGO.

AT THE SAME TIME BACK THEN, MY FEAR OF IOHIME GETTING HURT THAT WAS DEVELOPED FROM THE KIDNAPPING INCIDENT HAD ALSO BEEN REDUCED


OF COURSE I STILL GET WORRIED.

...BUT I CHOSE TO TRUST HER MORE.

SFX: BESHAA
AS FOR ANIKI, TWO MONTHS AGO (SOMETIME AROUND JUNE), HE LEFT FOR A LONG-TERM MISSION. HE'LL BE HOME AFTER TWO MORE MONTHS, BY MID-OCTOBER.

I GUESS I GOT TOO USED TO THE THREE OF US LIVING TOGETHER...

I WAS WRONG WHEN I THOUGHT THAT EVEN FROM NOW ON, NOTHING BIG WILL CHANGE.

CAN I LEAVE THE HOUSE FOR A WHILE?

THINK OF IT AS A... UHM... "MORE" INDEPENDENT LONG-TERM TRAINING, ONEE-CHAN!
.....
"MORE" INDEPENDENT... LONG-TERM TRAINING ...?
T-THAT'S A LITTLE SUDDEN. BUT I GUESS...
...IT'S FINE.
WELL...
THANK YOU, ONEE-CHAN!

I CERTAINLY DIDN'T EXPECT THAT.

BUT LITTLE DID WE KNOW AT THE TIME...

THIS IS WHERE IT ALL STARTED

END OF CHAPTER 5

"CERTAIN FATES INTERTWINE TWO YEARS LATER!"

Dec. 5th, 2016

IMPORTANT: Please read
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Hello to all the amazing readers,

Finally, chapter 5 is complete!
The depth of the story is further elaborated in the upcoming chapters/arcs.

And there is one important thing to note...
From chapter 6, all chapters are in full simple colors. It's because timeskip version of Shinobi Blood is originally uploaded in the Japanese site COMICO, and full color is required there.

Things get interesting in the timeskip, so we hope you look forward to it too!
Thank you so much for all the support.
I(Koizu) and my sister are truly very happy!

BUT! Wait...
SHINOBI BLOOD will be
on a break until the end of the month
January, 2017!

We are excited to deliver to you
the post-timeskip version,
but first my sister and I(Koizu)
need to gather more useful details,
and I(Koizu) need to get
more stocks done beforehand.

Thank you for understanding,
and we hope to see you next year as well!

-Y. Saku & Koizu
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